

SENATOR BARNETT: I still understand what you did and I still don't like it.

SPEAKER: The chair recognizes Senator Mahoney.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Mr. President, I rise as I have for the last few years on this bill and we find that each year the bill comes to us but it never quite gets to the floor so that the rest of us can discuss it. We are not all on the Labor Committee. Senator Maresh is a well versed farmer. He places in many bills that have to do with cutting down industry in the state. He has one particular bill that he wants to see Continental Can leave the city of Omaha. That's number one. With friends like Maresh, labor needs no enemies. I say that Senator Maresh, year after year in this Legislature, has brought that type of legislation to this body. Senator Maresh has given me 101 amendments to his can bill. He has now picked on the latest, the last brewery in the city of Omaha. He now is after the poor man. The man that drinks beer after he leaves his cornfields in the afternoon. They can't all drink Scotch and water, Senator Maresh. But Senator Maresh is the esteemed chairman of the Labor Committee and he has so decided in that Committee through his reluctance to let the rest of the Legislature have one opportunity to discuss this bill on the floor and I think after all these many years that the Agency shop bill belongs out here to all of us, all of the members, and the farmers in this state, year after year, come forward and they have some good resolutions. They've brought some in here this year telling the great leader back in Washington that they are disgusted with Agricultural Secretary such as Hardin and Butz. Just as soon as the elections are over, all these things come to pass. The farmers in this state, I am talking about the small farmer with 160 acres, this is the ones that I think that are most important and that somewhere along the line in the next few years, they will be organizing and doing the very same thing we are talking about here because this is the only place that the farmer is going to get protection for his crops, for his beef and pork prices, is by having some semblance of organization. So why Senator Maresh and Senator Kelly and Senator Kime, you who are in the heartland of the farm areas, should be the ones who should come forward and allow this bill to be discussed openly so that as we go along, the farmers, themselves, will come up with the legislation in which we, the brothers in the city, can help and cooperate with you. This is the only type of legislation that gives us that opportunity to do so. I hope this Legislature will think long and hard and I'm a friend of the farmer and I'm willing to vote for these resolutions that go back to Washington, but I'm also willing to say that in this Legislature we need some help to give us the opportunity so that, as Senator Barnett says, these freeloaders, these freeloaders are the ones that never stand up and are counted. I hope that this Legislature today for the first time allows this bill to come to the floor.

SPEAKER: The chair recognizes Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. Chairman, members of the body, I am a member of the Labor Committee as a representative of the people of the 35th district. I am not there as a former aircraft sheet metal worker. I am not there as a former apprentice plumber. I am not there as a former journeyman plumber and a former master plumber and as a sales manager and as a catholic and as an overweight fifty year old. I am there to represent the constituency of the 35th district and I can do that regardless of what my individual background should be. I was screened very closely by those people that sent me here and I do not believe that it is fair that my colleagues ask me my qualifications to represent those people. That's what the people have elections for. They elected me and to the best of my ability, I will do it regardless of my background.